AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," further providing for the definition of "proof of identification" and for requirements relating to voter identification.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 102(z.5) and 206 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, added March 14, 2012 (P.L.195, No.18), are amended to read:

Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, when used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

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(z.5) The words "proof of identification" shall mean:

[(1) In the case of an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed, a valid-without-photo driver's license or a valid-without-photo identification card issued by the Department of Transportation.]

[(2) For an elector who appears to vote under section 1210, a document that:

(i) shows the name of the individual to whom the document was issued and the name substantially conforms to the name of the individual as it appears in the district register;

(ii) shows a photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued;

(iii) includes an expiration date and is not expired, except:

(A) for a document issued by the Department of Transportation which is not more than twelve (12) months past the expiration date; or

(B) in the case of a document from an agency of the Armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Pennsylvania National Guard, establishing that the elector is a current member of or a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard which does not designate a specific date on which the document expires, but includes a designation that the expiration date is indefinite; and

(iv) was issued by one of the following:

(A) The United States Government.

(B) The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(C) A municipality of this Commonwealth to an employee of that municipality.

(D) An accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution.
of higher learning.

(E) A Pennsylvania care facility.

(3) For a qualified absentee elector under section 1301:

(i) in the case of an elector who has been issued a current and valid driver's license, the elector's driver's license number;

(ii) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a current and valid driver's license, the last four digits of the elector's Social Security number;

(iii) in the case of an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed, a copy of a document that satisfies paragraph (1); or

(iv) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a current and valid driver's license or Social Security number, a copy of a document that satisfies paragraph (2).]

(1) A non-expired Federal or State issued identification card.

(2) A current pay stub or paycheck.

(3) A current bank statement.

(4) A county issued voter registration card.

(5) A current lease.

(6) A current utility bill.

(7) A current credit card bill.

(8) A current mortgage statement.

(9) A current State issued vehicle registration card.

(10) A current vehicle insurance card.

(11) Any government issued documentation issued within the last year.

(12) An armed forces identification card.

(13) A current firearms permit.
Any current government issued check.

Required documentation under this definition is sufficient if it includes an elector's name and address which are similar to that name which appears in the district register.

Section 206. Requirements Relating to Voter Identification.--(a) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare and disseminate information to the public regarding the proof of identification requirements established under sections 1210 and 1302.

[(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b) (relating to issuance and content of driver's license) to the contrary, the Department of Transportation shall issue an identification card described in 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b) at no cost to any registered elector who has made application therefor and has included with the completed application a statement signed by the elector declaring under oath or affirmation that the elector does not possess proof of identification as defined in section 102(z.5)(2) and requires proof of identification for voting purposes.]

(b.1) The Secretary of the Commonwealth, in conjunction with the county boards of election, shall ensure that every voter is reissued a voter identification card sufficient for proof of identification under sections 1210 and 1302 no later than sixty days prior to the next scheduled primary or general election after the effective date of this subsection. Replacement cards shall be issued as needed.

[(c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare the form of the statement described in subsection (b) and shall distribute the form to the counties and the Department of Transportation. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Secretary

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of Transportation and the county boards of election shall disseminate information to the public regarding the availability of identification cards under subsection (b).

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.